

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re The Application of:

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For: DEVICE, SYSTEM AND
METHOD FOR MONITORING
A HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC
USER, NAMELY A HOUSE-
HOLD APPLIANCE

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 1-46 and add the following new claims 47-96 as set forth
below:

47. A monitoring device for monitoring a household electric user presenting an electric load, the monitoring device being connected between a source of electric energy and the electric load and including:

A. a detector for determining at various times the quantity of electric power or current absorbed by the electric user,